The members of the Jewish race have, ap to the present period of history, presented the most remarkable of all the witalities, and those of them who are united to the other races by ties of blood, though not by any profession or woman who feels as if she should perreligious indication, are hardly less feetly fly has the slightest wish to run privileged. In England and Wales we compute the number of professed Jews to fly in that sense. Neither does she does not exceed 50,000, some say not want to develop wings and literally fly ever 40,000; but in addition to these, if physiological readings be true, and I bird. Could she formulate her feeling in commonplace prose, she would probably say that she wants to be at rest. under exceedingly broad and Protestant principles, accept the Christian faith with a tendency to Puritanic simplicity, and all but Judaic method, and in which the names, the beliefs, the traditions of the Jewish people, as rendered in their use wings, or to escape from house, sacred writings, find their repetitions. children and servants, or even to achieve But I notice now, in regard to vitality, the most truly typical of the Semitic type-those, namely, who profess and who most ardently and wildly longs to call themselves Jews-and it is they, I perfectly fly, and the expression of her specially repeat, who show an exceptional tenacity to life, under circum- that her nerves are in a peculiarly exstances which at first sight would seem cited state. Why she should associate to cause the utmost resistance to life. I this condition of nerves with a vague have investigated this matter with the idea of flying is a mystery. Perhaps it greatest care, and, not to trouble you is owing to an unconscious mental asby repeating in detail what I have sociation of the act of flying away with alreadly published. I may state in brief a subsequent state of rest-an associaterms that during all ages of life, under tion due to the passage of Scripture in all conditions of life to which it has been which the Psalmist expresses a wish to subjected, under persecutions the most fly away and be at rest. Perhaps it is painful, under suppression of liberty the lowing to the secret and habitual convicmost determinate, under residences in tion of most women that they are most confined quarters of towns that were angelic when they are most dissatisfied practically prisons, under isolation the with the world, and that as first cousins most pitirul, under contempts the most of the angels they ought in strict justice cruel, the Jewish family has maintained to be supplied with wings, and granted a vitality and health which is at once a model to the other families of men among which it has been destined, or I should rather have said permitted, to sarily be, it is not a dangerous one. It exist. The Jews are not free from pro- rarely lasts beyond a few consecutive Texas Siftings. clivities to disease of a serious constitucional kind. They are comparatively of nature, for life would otherwise be free from consumption; they are very free from these zymotic diseases or pestilences, small-pox, measles, scarletfever, and such like, which carry off so largely the children of other races; they are very free, that is to say, they have abandon all thought of perfectly flying. been very free, from the diseases which spring from poverty; and they are very free from the diseases which spring from idleness, ostentation, and luxury. The particular hereditary disease from which they suffer is cancer. According to my experience they are more disposed to that malady than either Saxon or Celt, but it is not sufficiently widespread to effect the general results of the tenacious life pertaining to them. For the benefits they have received in the way of life and health the Jewish family has been indebted to wise sanitary laws and regulations bequeathed to them from of sid, to thrift and provision for the morrow, to peacefulness of heart, to domesthe virtue, and most of all to sobriety. It is hard to tell whether, when set free from every political and religious oppression, left to make their own course in open competition with other people, receiving from their fathers the wealth off-color, so to speak, a quiet marriage you I should look the matter up, for the of their past, wealth of wisdom, wealth by a Justice of the Peace is best. His thing comes pretty straight, you see."of simple homeliness, wealth of riches, of vitality, they will retain and bank the same treasures or take out and should knock off twenty-five or fifty squander all. At the present time it is cents, according to circumstances. as if the finger of prophecy was pointing to the last-named fate. -Dr. Richardson, in Frazer's Magazine.

# On Perfectly Flying.

When a woman exclaims: "I feel as if I should perfectly fly," she expresses a state of mind easily comprehended by men, as well as women.

It is only the nervous woman who desires to perfectly fly, but as nearly all American women are nervous, it is very seldom that any one of them passes. through life without this desire. Men never express a like desire, but many of them are familiar by experience with precisely the state of mind which in a woman leads her thoughts in the direction of perfectly flying.

The confirmed smoker who has been deprived of tobacco for twenty-four hours feels a wild restlessness which amounts to positive torture. The extremity of every nerve in his body seems to him to be laid bare. Everything torments him. His best friend, even his wife can not speak without irritating his nerves. The slightest noise maddens him. In the chaos of mental misery in which he is plunged he has only one intelligible idea—the thought that he wants to be let alone. He does not think of putting this in practice by shutting himself up in his room, or by wandering away to some lonely place. On the contrary, he usually paces the floor in the presence of his pained and awestruck family. What he really wants to do is to perfectly fly, but being a man, he has never thought of himself in connection with wings, and never dreams of saying that he "feels as if he should perfectly fly." Yet his nervous condition is precisely the same as that of the thousands of women who daily use that

forcible expression. Various causes produce this state of mind in women. Perhaps in the greater number of cases the children are the moving cause. When they have persistently irritated her for hours by noise and awkwardness, when they have vain-ly been told to "don't" for scores of times, and when neither affection nor remenstrance, nor the awful shadow of the impending slipper has any effect upon them, the unhappy mother is seized with a mighty longing to perfect-ly fly, and mentions the fact with tramendous energy. The servants are also potent factors in awaking this longing. The gentle and patient housewife who has borne meekly with the stupidity of the cook, the laziness of the chambermaid, and the impertinence of the waiter, is suddenly oppressed with a feeling that she can endure no more, and must instantly and perfectly fly, lest she become hopetessly insane. Husbands, soo, even when well-meaning, do their share in bringing their wives to this state of nervous irritation and utter hopelessness. A husband who will not understand an interesting anecdote concerning the young man who is visiting to the verge of perfectly flying. In fact, venience from the loss of \$15,600 per the kind and stupid husband produces annum.—Chicago Herald.

This has become common sport on the Upper St. John River.—Jacksenville (Fig.) Times.

this effect far more frequently than does the cruel and persecuting husband. The latter may lead his wife to wish that she could run away, but that is a mental condition very different from the desire to perfectly fly.

It must not be supposed that the away from home. She does not want bird. Could she formulate her feeling Nevertheless, this would not fully exuses. To perfectly fly is not merely to peace. It is a process that is vague and unformed even in the mind of the woman Herald. desire is only a method of announcing complete liberty to use them.

Painful as the mental condition of her who wishes to perfectly fly must necesminutes. This is a merciful provision unendurable both to the woman herself and to those around her. Anything which suddenly distracts her attention from her latest and most exasperating annoyance will cause her instantly to If the troublesome children are promptly carried off to bed, if the trying servants are put out of mind by the arrival of a visitor with a new and interesting dress, or if the exasperating husband exhumes a new bracelet from his pocket, the wife all at once finds life endurable. Perfeetly flying becomes as unattractive to her as six-day pedestrianism, and she finds within her grasp the rest which a moment before had seemed unattainable except she should first perfectly fly. -Harper's Bazar.

### California Marriages.

In all cases the expense of the marriage should be borne by the bride's family, who are tacitly understood to be getting the best of the bargain.

In cases where the bride had been twice divorced previously, or is a little regular price by law is two dollars, but N. Y. Herald. if the bride is a regular customer he

In case the bride occupies a pretty good position and her friends are expected to come down handsomely, the letters "P. P.," meaning "policeman present," should be appended to the invitation. This will insure safety for the napkin rings and sets of spoons, though a relative of the family should always be detailed to watch the police-

The Van Ness avenue custom is for the bride's father to place some Government bonds or a check for \$10,000 among the presents, it being a point of honor with the groom to let it alone after the ceremony until the old gentleman can take it back or tear it up. It is always best strictly to regard this, as it is awkward to present the check at the bank and be told that there are no

deny it, even if she has not been known

to blush for years before. In case of a marriage by a clergyman, courtesy demands that the groom pre- temper to steel. One may insert some sent him with a five dollar bill. Courtesy gets "left," however, very often

since stocks are down. If the groom be over sixty and the bride under twenty, as is often the case in San Francisco, she should never presume on any occasion to forget the respect due to age. The custom here is always to refer to him jocularly when he is present as "you wretched boy," and when he is absent as "grandpa," References to the past should always be mutually avoided in second mar-

riages, as comparisons of this kind are When the husband is kept late at the office and comes home tired, with his eyes crossed and a pensive expression, the wife should never permit her feelings to get away with her. In case he should hang his boots on the hall-rack and place his hat outside the bed-room door to be polished, she should reason

stronger than a club. In preparing the family register the names of former husbands or wives are not inserted, nor are any offspring of previous marriages referred to, save in a separate-progeny ledger devoted to

gently with him and use no argument

that particular venture. The tin wedding, which used to take place at the end of five years of matri-mony, is obsolete in California, having been replaced by the silver wedding at that period which is rare. The tin wedding now takes place at the end of one year, and if the parties are living together on speaking terms at the end of that period it is a season of rejoicing. These reunions are very rare, however. -San Francisco Wasp.

-Three employees of a large Philadelphia wall-paper house had for eight years been in the habit of stealing \$300 the young lady on the opposite side of wo th of stock weekly. Their pecula-the street, and whose sister has a friend lations, therefore, amounted in all to the street, and whose sister has a friend lations, therefore, amounted in all to holds on, keeping his legs stiff till clear ny, holding out his plate for pancakes. wo th of stock weekly. Their peculaconnected by marriage with the family about \$124,800. The fact that the emonth of the bank, when he darts away, and "I just want a good rest." that formerly boarded in West Thirty- ployees could have concealed their evil sixth street, need only remark in an ab- deed for so many years will be lost sight sent sort of way, "What?" "Ah, yes!" of in wonder at the rate of profits made Who did you say?" to reduce his wife by a concern that experienced no incon-

#### PITH AND POINT.

-Eloquence is the best speech of the best soul.

-It is difficult for a woman to keep a secret, and I know more than one man who is a woman.-La Fontaine.

-The average man is supposed to lose six cuff buttons per year, and he is just mean enough not to throw away the old

-"The astronomers at Harvard University have figured out that the comet went around the sun at the rate of 400 miles a second. Probably the sun had a bill against the comet."-Chicago Tribune.

-An English woman says: "English women can't hold a candle to French women in the matter of flirting." Perhaps if they could it would throw some light on the subject .- Norristown

-There is a cow in Pennsylvania that goes limping through life with a goes limping through life with a wooden leg. What a bonanza the owner would have if he could turn that leg into a pump and make the animal stand in a stream of water while he was milking .- N. Y. Advertiser.

-Orchestral players are getting to be intolerably conceited. The piccolos are dreadfully high-toned, the trumpeters So I'll measure them all by this bed, and their are always blowing their own horn, the fiddlers complain that they are subjected to such violint exercise, and the In the way that I mention." You cannot but drummers are all on a strike.-N. Y.

-A great many things are accepted by us as a matter of course in this country. An Austin notary was called to take the acknowledgment of a witness to a deed. He wrote out: "To me, well known, personally appeared — by the known, personally appeared - by the way, what is your name, anyhow?"-

-Which arm-the right or leftshould be given a lady when walking in a crowded street?-George. In Philadelphia and other orderly cities give her the right arm, so that she may not be jostled by the passing crowd. In Chicago and St. Louis give her the left arm and carry your right hand in your pistol-pocket.—Philadelphia News.

-"What makes you ask such a high price for this little room?" asked Kosiusco Murphy of an Austin landlord. "Well, there is a young man next door who plays on the accordeon. You don't expect to have your innermost soul stirred up from the bottom every evening and not pay anything for it, do you? He sings, too!"-Texas Siftings.

-A great many of the scandalous stories current are built on this formula: -"I say, mother, John told me that he heard Mr. Johnson say that Mr. Handy's aunt was present when the Widow Burnham told Captain Ball's cousin that old Mrs. Oxby understood that Sam Trifle's wife said, in so many words, that her mother heard on the best of authority that you weren't any better than you should be. If I were

## SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

-The apple sirup works at Albany, N.Y., started by men from Holland, have commenced to ship apple jelly in casks to Holland.

-A machine for counting sheep has been invented and put in operation in California. It is placed in an opening of a fence and registers every sheep that passes it .- San Francisco Chronicle.

-Experiments with a submarine telephone were made the other day at Havre, in France. A ship was sent out a considerable distance on the ocean with a wire, and the result proved that the voice can be transmitted under water more distinctly and loudly even than on land.

-Charles Jenney, a Detroit boy, nineunds. teen years of age, has invented an elec-tric lamp and generator that has been for the newspapers, the bride should al- pronounced a success. Some Indiana ways be referred to as "blushing." It capitalists have taken the young man up is always well to make this kind of a and built for him a factory 30x90 feet in bluff, as it looks well and nobody can dimensions, given him a 100-horse power engine, and hired thirty men to work under his guidance. - Detroit Free Press.

> -Water mixed with ice gives the best small tools to advantage in a lump of ice, as jewelers and watchmakers do when they temper them in sealing-wax. Often oil is used, and is preferable to water, because it is not so easily evaporated. Damascened blades are tempered in a strong current of cold air, passing through a narrow chink, a temper more uniform than with water being thus obtained .- St. Louis Globe.

-A chemist in Philadelphia claims to have discovered that the blue fire, long used in pyrotechnic displays, is an explosive of terrific force. It is, he says, even more powerful than nitro-glycerine and half again of the power of dynamite. The substance has been in constant use for many years, and has never been known to cause any trouble, unless it were the fire at Chester last year. To produce an explosion it must be subjected to extreme heat, followed by concussion. It is safer than nitro-glycerine, because if it falls to the ground there will be no explesion. One can strike a mass of it with a hammer and only that portion directly struck will detonate, and then only slightly.—Philadelphia

# A Florida Alligator Story.

Jim Russell, a son of Maj. Russell. famous during the Florida war, now makes a precarious living in South Florida as a guide to visiting sportsmen. For a bonus of \$2 Jim will dive into the current of the muddy St. John and bring up an alligator. He actually brings may seem it is the safest way to approach an alligator. They dig holes in little boys do. She made up her mind the water, and crawl into them. Jim dives down, crawls in rapidly, and seizes the saurian by the tail, who, she asked. the 'gator, rising to the surface for an instant to see what is the matter, is cannot eat pancakes when you are sick. slain by waiting gunners in the boat. You must make your breakfast of oat-This has become common sport on the meal or dry toast."

### Our Young Folks.

PROCRUSTES.

A long time ago lived Procrustes. The same Was a dread and a terror wherever his name Was heard, and his country was sorely af-flicted By the dreadful misdeeds to which he was ad

For he murdered and robbed in a horribl mean enough not to throw away the old ones so that the finder can make a pair.

—Detroit Free Press.

way!

Ab! he was a terror, by night or by day!

At the rible creature, a bold and a bad one,

And mong his bad habits he's said to have had

That was worse than the rest and a cruelly sad And you, when you hear it, will surely admit That he had not the smallest good reason for it.

He had an idea, this very bad man, That he was the only right pattern and plan Of stature. That one who was taller than he, Procrustes, or shorter, must certainly be Too short or too tail. So he said: "Let me For the illy-built man who is taller or shorter I'll do what I can, tor I feel that I orter.

I've hit the idea. I'll have me a bed That shall measure exactly my length from my head

duty.

The man that's too short must be stretched till he'll fit. And the man that's too long must be cut off height, Where it differs from mine, I will quickly set right,

That this was a very original way
To settle the matter. No two men will be
Exactly the same in their stature. Ah! me,
But he was determined to make them agree.

And so, when his captives were fettered an To see if they were of the requisite length.

Such stretching, such sawing, such trimming What pain
Did they all have to bear, the right length to attain!
"Here's a man that's too long. Cut him off!

with a shout.

"Here's a man that's too short. Stretch him out! Stretch him out!"

And when they arose frem their beds, what a sight! "Twould have made the heart ache to have seen their sad plight; For the worst of it was that, when all was They were not at all like Procrustes, not one:

They were not at all like Procrustes, not one; There was not one like to the other, and none Was himself as he was intended to be; As bad a state, surely, as one need to see. How they hopped, how they limped, how they hobbled about,

The man who was lopped and the fellow stretched out. Procrustes loooked on, and he said: "With 'Tis bad; but my height is just right to a thread, And the man is all wrong who don't fit on that Since that's beyond question, it isn't my If it makes them all crippled and crooked and

How long he'd have kept at this work I don't know, But, at last, he encountered a powerful foe, Who cleverly gave him the long-deserved blow. He met Theseus, of Athens, one day, and they fought; And Procrustes went down in the dust, as he For Theseus most boldly and openly said

He didn't acknowledge the right of the bed As a standard for him. He declared, quite at But why should that make any difference to

He has made a most needless and murderous bother; His stature is good for himself, and none other; Besides, while he's mangled and maimed at his pleasure, He has not brought one of them all to his Every man his own fashion of growing must keep on,
And the bed that fits him is the bed he must

I do not insist that this happened just so It may be a fiction; but this much I know: That, if but a tale of a dead long ago, A neat little truth lies hidden behind it,

sleep on.

And I think, if you look, you will certainly -Carlotta Perry, in N. Y. Independent.

# JOHNNY'S GOOD REST.

It's a dreadful shame to make a boy go to school such a day as this," said Johnny, as he slowly dressed himself one bright October morning.

He looked out of the window at the beautiful red and yellow of the autumn leaves. The sun was just peeping over a hill, touching the tops of the trees, which shone with dew-drops. Johnny thought every tree looked like a great

He knew that the frost of a few nights ago had burst the chestnut burs, and that the brown nuts were just waiting for a lively shake to bring them rattling down. There was just enough of Jack Frost's breath in the air this morning to set a boy's blood tingling, and Johnny looked and looked, and the more he looked the more he felt that he could not sit at a desk all that day.

"I don't believe I feel very well," he said. He put on a forlorn expression, and looked in the glass, trying to think he did not look well. As he went down stairs, his brother ran to show him a bunch of amaranths and bitter sweet berries, and his little dog came frolicking to meet him, but Johnny did not take much notice of either, for he knew he could not keep the forlorn look on

his face if he did. "What is the matter?" asked his mother. "My head doesn't feel just right,"

said Johnny, "and I'm rather weaknot really sick, you know, but I don't feel quite able to study to day. I think a little fresh air will set me all right." "Let me see your tongue." tongue was of the proper red color, and so were the round cheeks. Eyes bright,

Johnny's mother remembered that it was not quite six weeks since he had had just such an attack. He had sat in an noon had gone fishing.

little boys do. She made up her mind the river-banks just below the surface of that to-day Johnny should be either sick

or well in good earnest. "You really are too ill to go to school?"

"Oh no, my dear," she said, "you

Johnny looked blank. He liked pancakes and maple sirup very much, and winter in Boston.

he hated oatmeal. He found the dry toast rather a poor breakfast, but he knew there were plenty of apples and pears out of doors, so he had no fear of suffering with hunger.

When the other children had gone to school, his mother led him to a small bedroom which opened off her own.

"You must keep very quiet, dear," she said. "Let me help you undress, you will be more comfortable so. Now will draw the curtains, so the light will not hurt your head. If it doesn't get better soon. I must give you some medicine."

And before Johnny had time to think, he was lying in a dark room that sunshiny morning! He felt as if he could turn a dozen somersets, climb the tallesttree in the yard, run a five-mile race, wrestle with a boy bigger than himself, even study! But to lie here!

"Can't I read a little?" he asked. "No, dear, it might make your head worse." Please let me have my Chinese puzzle, mamma."

"No, I want you to have a good rest." Poor Johnny tossed and tossed, and thought that resting was the hardest work in the world as the long hours of the morning dragged on. By the dim light he counted the flowers on the wallpapering, and watched the slow moving of the little bar of sunshine which came through the blinds. He said the multiplication-table as far as he knew it, counted a thousand, and said the alphabet backwards. After a while, he begged his mother to bring his twoyear-old brother to him, but she was afraid it might disturb him.

Noon-time came, and with it the merry troop from school. Johnny waited anxiously for his dinner, remembering with horror that Dr. Tanner had fasted eighty times as long as he

But no roast veal and tapioca pudding came to him. Only a bowl of gruel and an amazing pile of bread and butter. Johnny turned away and cried, and then ate up every morsel.

He thought he was well enough to go to school in the afternoon, but his mother thought not. She felt sorry for her little prisoner, and came and read to him. This put him to sleep, and when he awoke, the sun was low.

His sisters came and peeped into his room, but his mother hushed and sent them away. He wondered where the boys were. When his mother brought his supper of toast and a little currentjelly, she told him they had gone out for a ride. As it grew dark, she tock him to his own room, and soon after they came rushing up, tired out, they declared, but fairly running over with

"O Johnny, such a time! The Chirp boys' grandfather, old Mr. Merriface, came round at recess with his big wagon, and begged them off, and begged us off! He sent word to mamma by the girls, and took us out to Chestnut Grove, and it's just been splendid! There was a grape-vine swing, and we found snail-shells and such funny oakballs. And such a splendid supper the old gentleman took along! We picnicked under the trees, and we've "I've a right to be tall or be short, as I please. | brought home lots of nuts; but you're not to eat any to-night, mamma says for it might be bad for your head. And they were all so sorry you couldn't go, too! It was jolly, I tell you?"

Poor Johnny! The boys who had studied hard and played hard were soon asleep, but Johnny had taken no exercise all day, and his bed was no place of rest to

He felt much worse than he had felt in the morning, and lay awake a long time, thinking what a miserable day he had spent. Conscience was busy, too. He felt in his very heart that he had de-ceived his kind mother. A flush of shame rose to his face as the thought suddenly came that perhaps she had guessed how very little foundation there had been for his com-plaints of the morning. He had tried to deceive himself, but now, in the darkness and quiet of the night, his meanness and wickedness stood out plainly before him, and he got out of bed and prayed for forgiveness for the past, and help to better doing in the future.

The next morning he sprang up, feeling as well as ever, ate just what he wanted for breakfast, and started to school on a quick run, only turning aside to jump over everything a lively boy cou'd jump over.

His mother looked after him with a smile, saying to herself: "You had a pretty hard lesson vesterday, my little man, but I think it will do you good."-Sydney Dayre, in Youth's Companion.

# Marriage Vows.

A couple called on a Leavenworth

Justice to be wedded at eleven o'clock the other night, but the magistrate would not get out to do it, and the belated candidates beginning to upbraid each other for the tardiness, quarreled, and parted never, never more to meet on earth. The vow they had registered in Heaven to cling to each other forever, was recalled and replaced by another to the effect that they would, as aforesaid, never meet again. But they were the victims of fate, for the next evening they did meet again at the magistrate's office, and were marriedthe gentleman to another lady, and the lady to another gentleman. A correct record of the thoughts that filled the bosoms of the original couple as the re-markable double wedding progressed would be worth five good dollars; and and pulse ticking in a business-like if the two new couples do not in turn disintegrate and the parties of the original couple haul down their vow for apple-tree most of the morning reading further repairs, and leave for that "Robinson Crusoe," and in the a terthen the way such things have gener-This, perhaps, ought to have shown ally turned out in the past may not be up an alligator. He actually brings her that Johnny was right in thinking relied upon as precedents.—Detroit hem out of their holes. Strange as this he needed fresh air. But mothers do Free Press. Free Press.

> -An odd monument has been erected in a cemetery at South Hadley, Mass. The trunk of a shattered tree is reproduced in marble, with ivy winding round it, and an inscribed open book pegged to the bark. From a hole peeks a squirrel, and on a branch sits a dove looking down on two eggs in a nest. The lot has posts representing stumps of small trees. - N. Y. Sun.

-The poet Whittier is to spend the



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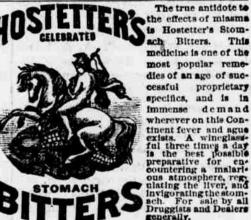
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